What is claimed is:

1. An image processing device comprising:

an operation unit with a display for determining various settings;

an image data storage unit for temporarily storing an image data to be processed;

an image data destruction unit for destructing the image data stored in said image data storage unit; and

an operation restricting unit for restricting the operation for processing the image data when said image data destruction unit destructs the stored image data.

2. An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said operation unit comprises a destruction designating unit for demanding said image data destruction unit to destruct the stored image data.

3. An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said image data destruction unit destructs a related information required for processing the image data together with the image data stored in said image data storage unit.

4. An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said operation restricting unit comprises a function to restrict the operation for processing the image data and to display information related to the restriction on the display of said

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operation unit.

5. An image processing device according to claim 1, wherein said operation unit comprises a function to cancel the restriction by the operation restricting unit provided to the operation for processing the image data when a predetermined operation has been verified while said operation restricting unit is restricting the operation for processing the image data.

6. An image processing device having a scanner function, a printer function and an image data transmission and reception function, capable of processing an image corresponding to a designated function, said image processing device comprising:

an operation unit with a display for determining various settings;

an image data storage unit for temporarily storing an image data to be processed to an image data storage region;

an image data destruction unit for destructing said image data storage region; and

a notifying unit for notifying the completion of destruction of said image data storage region by said image data destruction unit to a predetermined specific right holder.

7. An image processing device according to claim 6, wherein said notifying unit enables a notifying condition to be selected.

8. An image processing device according to claim 7, wherein said notifying condition of said notifying unit is selected between an output using a printer function and an output performed by transmitting a notification image data via a network.

9. An image processing device according to claim 6, wherein said notifying unit outputs a notice corresponding to a selected notifying condition when all areas of said image data storage region of said image storage unit have been destructed completely by said image data destruction unit.

10. An image processing device according to claim 6, wherein said image data destruction unit comprises a function to destruct a related information required for processing the image data together with the image data stored in said image data storage unit.